

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Application No. **NEW NATIONAL PHASE** Group

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MEASUREMENT METHOD AND DEVICE
FOR BEAD CUTTING SHAPE IN
ELECTRIC RESISTANCE WELDED PIPES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents September 10, 2004
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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks
are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-
identified application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2
of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the
listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 21 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature
page of this paper.